

His service to the church has also included stints as parochial vicar at Holy Innocents Church [from 1970 to 1974], Saint Theresa Church in Munhall, PA [from 1974 to 1975], Saint Veronica Church in Ambridge, PA [from 1975 to 1978], and Saint Joseph Church in Mount Oliver, PA [from 1978 to 1983]. He subsequently served as pastor at Saint Alphonsus Church in Murrinsville, PA, and at Epiphany Church in Boyers, PA, from 1983 to 1991, and he was also in residence at Saint Columbkille Church in Imperial, PA, in 1991.

Father Paul was deanery director of religious education at the South Pittsburgh Deanery from 1979 to 1983, and deanery director of the Butler Deanery in Butler, PA, from 1984 to 1991. Father Paul has been a master catechist for the diocese since 1979, and he is currently the program manager for religious education at Saint Malachy.

Father Paul has provided 25 years of dedicated service to many of the Catholic parishes of southwestern Pennsylvania. I want to congratulate Father Paul on his silver anniversary.

THANK YOU MRS. RUTH MACDONALD FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. GLENN POSHARD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. POSHARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Mrs. Ruth Macdonald of McLeansboro, IL for her years of dedicated public service to the people of Hamilton County. In 1976 she was elected as Hamilton County coroner. Three years later Ruth was appointed circuit clerk, and was elected to that position in 1980. She subsequently was re-elected in 1984, 1988, and 1992. Ruth retired on July 31, 1995 after serving 16 years as the Hamilton County circuit clerk.

A native of Kentucky, Ruth moved to McLeansboro in 1959 with her husband and three children. Since her arrival in southern Illinois Ruth has worked hard to ensure that her family and neighbors live in a community that strives for excellence. Through her tireless efforts as a mother and public servant she has helped her children excel and contribute to their communities. Ruth's daughter, Alice, is a circuit court judge in Wayne County, IL; her son, John, is an engineer in Cincinnati, OH; and her son, James, is a professor at Weber State University in Ogden, UT.

Mr. Speaker, until the 1992 election, Hamilton County still used paper ballots. Many times the election results were not known until noon the following day, and it was Ruth's office that would remain open to the public around the clock on primary and general election nights, serving coffee and food to those interested in the election outcome.

There is no question Ruth Macdonald has been a public servant of the highest standards, and she will be missed as circuit clerk. I take great pride in honoring her service to the citizens of Hamilton County and all others she served. Ruth Macdonald has set a very good example for all of us to follow, and I wish her the very best as she begins her retirement.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1995

HON. JACK METCALF

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank Mr. CASTLE, my good friend and chairman of the Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, for allowing me to discuss some issues about the Defense Production Act.

The Defense Production Act has been an important tool for acquiring needed equipment and technology for our Armed Forces in the event of a national emergency. Yet, the Defense Production Act is a multi-issue law. Much of this expansive act deals with advising and working with commercial activities to study, invent, and produce materials that could be used in the event of wartime activity.

When the DPA came up in subcommittee, concerns were raised by other Members and myself. Besides the continuance of authorizing funds for such an outdated, all-encompassing and convoluted act—it also has sweeping authority given to the President. This nebulous language must be cleared to set a direct mission for use of DPA authority. What we have now can be interpreted as essentially a War Powers Act clothed in 1950's post-World War II language—language that gives heavy leeway to the executive branch.

Make no mistake, I am not favoring withholding vital equipment from our Armed Forces and thus I am favoring reappropriating this bill, but the report language fostered for this bill mandates the executive branch to review and to reform the outdated language and to set clear the mission for the DPA. It requires the President to provide an interim report and a final report before appropriations end in 1998. The goal of this report language is to help refine the bill, provide what is necessary for the Armed Forces by Presidential order, and to set a direction for a rewrite of the legislation before the next appropriation cycle.

Maintaining vital procurement in times of national emergency is imperative—but modernizing statutes to ensure proper legality is also extremely critical.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

HON. RON PACKARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. PACKARD. Mr. Speaker, it absolutely galls me that the President has chosen to play politics and shut down the Federal Government rather than join us in making a downpayment on a balanced budget and a brighter future for our children.

The Government shutdown is solely on the President's shoulders. He has provided no leadership and no plan for a balanced budget. Despite his rhetoric to the contrary, the President has no balanced budget. Never has.

I urge my colleagues not to give in to the scare tactics propagated by the White House. We need to stay our course and pass the remaining bills necessary to balance the budget.

We must remain committed to real reform—reform in welfare, reform in Medicare, and tax cuts for families. Once we have completed the bills, it is up to the President to do what is right and sign on for the future of America.

We have a promise to keep to America. A year ago this month, we promised to end business as usual in Government. The American people are counting on us.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN BEN
SHEPPERD

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, during the recent dedication of the Korean War Memorial and during last weekend's Veteran's Day memorial ceremonies in east Texas, I was reminded of the oratorical prowess of a legendary Texan and former constituent of mine, the late John Ben Shepperd (1915–90). John Ben was one of the first statewide officials that I met when I first entered politics in the 1950's. He was a kind and considerate man—so capable of friendship—and so strong as a leader.

The caption on the Korean War Memorial, "Freedom Is Not Free," is a phrase that was coined by John Ben in the late 1940's and used in hundreds of public appearances during his civic and political career. In 1953 he published an excerpt of his speeches and entitled the booklet, "Freedom Is Not Free." This and his book, "Freedom's Advocate," won him the coveted George Washington Medal from the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, PA.

John Ben would have been pleased and proud to see his language used to memorialize the sacrifices of American soldiers who defended freedom in distant parts of the globe, and I am sure that this pleases his widow, Mamie Shepperd, who lives in my district in Gladewater, TX. He would have joined in the praise and recognition, which is so long overdue.

John Ben was one of America's strongest advocates of democracy. He often reminded us that freedom is not a gift to be enjoyed, but an ideal that must be defended. He continually called on every citizen to uphold and promote our system of government and free enterprise.

In 1948, as president of the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, John Ben organized the "Freedom Flight." According to Jaycee archives, he traveled over 250,000 miles and gave three hundred speeches heard by a quarter of a million people. As Texas Secretary of State and attorney general from 1950 to 1957, he continued to be an eloquent spokesman for democracy.

John Ben had a special concern for young Americans. According to our former colleague, the Hon. Jake Pickle, who first knew John Ben at the University of Texas, he passionately cared that future generations should understand their roots in order to appreciate the American legacy of democracy and heroism.

John Ben's phrase, "Freedom Is Not Free," on the Korean Memorial is a stirring reminder to future generations and a fitting tribute to a dynamic Texan. Mr. Speaker, John Ben Shepperd leaves behind a powerful legacy